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## A Few Don't's For Tomorrow

**DONT**—Turn against the sewer and water bylaw because sewer and water doesn't happen to pass your door. If you do it will be delayed indefinitely. Next year will see considerable extensions made.

**DONT**—Turn against the bylaw because you don't happen to have faith in the engineers. The only people it will reflect on in this case is ourselves. The Engineers don't make a bean more because the system is costlier than at first considered.

**DONT**—Turn against the bylaw because you regret the Council hasn't done more. If you seek to strike at the Council in this fashion, it will be a boom-crang that will discredit the whole town. Without holding any special brief for the Council, although we personally believe they have accomplished some creditable work in tackling this water and sewer experts, we would advise strongly against this course in the interest of the whole town and of your own individual self. After all, what hurts the town, hurts you.

**DONT**—Turn against the bylaw under any consideration. Pause for a few moments and reflect what it would mean. The first year's interest of Ten Thousand dollars would be absolutely lost without any revenue to offset it. Bassano would be made a laughing stock and labelled as a town which hadn't sufficient faith in itself to complete its own improvements. There would be no fire protection this year. No one at all would feel the benefit of the system. It would cease to become a system, but would become a "white elephant." In conclusion, we ask, we pray, we urge, we plead, **DONT** turn down this bylaw. We shall heap up nothing but regrets. In all earnestness and sincerity we adjure you. "Please vote for it, for the sake of Bassano."

## The Pioneer's Protest

The agitation inspired along the Bow Valley in favor of the lightening of the tax burden by the removal of the exemption tax of three dollars per acre is a good one.

No homesteader has as yet been heard to raise his voice against it. It should only be a matter of making those who make regulations but who do not homestead understand.

The most effective way to do this is for the Farmers Union in all affected localities to raise their voice in protest, and with cold dispassionate logic, unitedly

present their case to the Department of the Interior. It should not fail to meet with response, for after all, the regulations were only in the way of experiment and when it is indisputably shown that they are working a hardship on the brave pioneers, they will in all probability be amended to in conformity with equity and justice.

## Comment.

Talking of that "Ten Million dollars for Alberta," we would be happy to see the Dominion Government unloose its purse strings to the extent of the \$10,000 it has pledged itself to give Bassano for a public building.

This request would appear infinitely reasonable. It would not be asking for the creation of precedents, or for anything at all drastic, or out of the way. It would be just asking for justice, for the Government has appropriated this money in approved estimates, and yet we scan the list of Public Works Contracts, anxiously and uselessly.

No ten thousand for Bassano. Isn't it time our local organizations took another little trip of enquiry. It can't do any harm, and last spring it elicited from the Hon. Robert Rogers the information that it would be erected this year. This year is speeding and a little of that Government money spread about now, would help considerably during the tight time.

Weed, Ye Burgesses, Weed!

The Acme News complains that an excursion cannot be run from Acme to Banff as the harvester's excursions are requiring all available cars. We had the impression somehow or other, that those were the cars used on Banff excursions.

The Camrose Canadian has undertaken an unique but praise worthy campaign, inspired doubtless by the cry of the Calgary News-Telegram for "Ten Millions for Alberta." It has arranged to publish a list of the names of those who pay their taxes before a certain date, flying the slogan "Ten thousand for Camrose." A published list of those who don't might serve the end still more effectively.

The Lethbridge Herald comments upon the Bassano interview with Mr. Louis Williams, to the effect that there are Eastern Canadian interests knocking Western Canada. The Herald hopes it isn't so, but self, we might remind the Herald is the only sufficiently powerful influence to overcome all barriers. It has often sacrificed its own nation, so that the statement may not be cause for so much surprise.

To those outside critics who cry "Extravagance" we challenge "Compare Rates."

Bassano's rate this year is nineteen mills.

The Engineers accuse Frank Bond, of using "light timbering" at the abandoned well, and infer that if he had used his head instead the outcome might have been different.

## Pony Meet At Calgary

The Western Canadian Pony and Gait-horse Association with head quarters at Victoria Park, Calgary, have decided to put on a Pony and Gait-horse race meet on the 28th of August at Victoria Park, commencing at 2.30 p. m. The programme will be ready for distribution in a day or two, and may be had on application to E. L. Skerritt, secretary, Calgary. The programme includes the following races:

Three-quarter mile gentlemen's race. Half mile Galloway race. Polo Pony Dash. Half mile dash for Maidens. Gentlemen's race, one and one half mile.

One mile Galloway race. Five furlong Consolation. One mile hurdle race.

Those who are interesting themselves in the success of the meeting are doing so in the interested encouraging racing of Ponies and Galloways and providing some clean sport more particularly among the amateur racing interests. A comprehensive set of rules governing Pony and Gait-horse races have been adopted which conform closely with the rules adopted by the British Pony and Gait-horse Racing Association. The officers of the Association are as follows:

President—E. J. Kieren, Millerville. 1st Vice President—O. A. Critchley, Cochrane. 2nd Vice President—C. R. de la Vergne, Glenora.

Secretary Treasurer, E. L. Skerritt, Calgary.

The membership of the Association is increasing very rapidly, no less than 28 being added to the list at yesterday's meeting. The annual membership is \$1.00 and horsemen and other interested are invited to send an application for membership to the secretary, who will place same before the directors for their approval. Prospects look bright for a successful meeting, and it is confidently expected that in the near future this will be an important annual event.

## Successful Social Held at Dorothy

Dorothy, July 21st—A very successful social was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Campbell, Dorothy, Thursday evening July 21st. Ten was served on the lawn after which the large gathering adjourned to the home. Rev. Mr. Anderson there gave a statement on the financial position, which showed a highly satisfactory state of affairs, and Mr. Anderson delivered an interesting address on Sunday school work. The remainder of the evening was pleasantly occupied with no-frictions, and some light gathering breaking up with the singing of "God be with you till we meet again."

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